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WULKAN FILES LIBEL SUIT

New York, Dec. 29.—Marcus Wulkan, who was referred to by Sir Hartley Shawcross during the recent Tribunal hearings in London, announced today that his lawyers will file suit for \$250,000 for libel against the British Iron and Steel Corporation, Limited.

The case concerns an alleged publication of material referring to Wulkan by the Corporation. Mr. Wulkan stated that Sir Hartley referred to this material during the Tribunal.

14-PAGE PAPER TOMORROW

Saturday being New Year's Day, the normal 14-page Saturday Telegraph will be published instead tomorrow (Friday). It will be on sale shortly after 11 a.m.

There will be no publication of the Telegraph on Saturday, and no issue of the South China Morning Post on Sunday.

Both papers will resume publication next Monday.

Stalin Is Both Charming, Rude

Burtonwood, Lancashire, Dec. 29.—The United States Ambassador to Russia, General Walter Bedell Smith, told American soldiers here tonight that Stalin had "a charming personality," when he chose but could also be very rude if he liked.

An official said action would take place in the Supreme Court, New York County (Manhattan)—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Playing A Vital Role

IN some quarters there is not always a clear conception of Britain's positive role as a participating nation in the European Recovery Programme. The quiet mistaken idea that Britain is a reluctant partner in the cause of Western Union seems to have arisen because certain responsible British statesmen have stressed in their public speeches that Britain cannot become part of a movement for the greater integration and unification of the European economy without at the same time remembering its other responsibilities, especially those to the Commonwealth countries. Yet nothing could describe more untidily not only the attitude of Britain towards Western Union, but also the solid contribution which Britain has made up to date towards the cause of European economic co-operation. It is, of course, right that Britain should take a preponderant part in helping the re-equipment and re-stocking of European industry. Britain is, far and away, the largest industrial power in Western Europe. Even before the war the industrial output of Britain was one-third greater than that of Western Germany, twice that of France, and three times that of Italy. And Britain's lead in 1948 is immeasurably greater than it was in 1938. That industrial output is now being harnessed to the task of European economic reconstruction. This year, 1948, Britain promised to supply 6,000,000 tons of coal to OEEC countries and the shipments up to the present are well up to schedule. In the first half of 1948 British exports of metals and engineering products to OEEC countries were nearly 234,000,000, or more than double the figure for the previous six months. Sterling area bill is being sent to Europe this year

AIRLIFT GIFT



A young German boy clutches his Christmas package, a gift from a flying U.S. Air Force Santa Claus, at the Tempelhof Airport, Berlin. He was one of the hundreds of Berlin youngsters to receive gifts from the first airlift plane to arrive under the airlifts "Operation Santa Claus."—AP Picture.

AIRLINER STILL MISSING

Miami, Florida, Dec. 29.—A United States charter airliner, with 30 people on board, including two babies, was still missing today, 24 hours after it was reported lost on a flight from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Miami.

Hope of finding the plane, which made its last radio signal when it was only 50 miles from here, was fading today.

A fleet of 37 Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard planes fanned out at dawn over the Florida peninsula and the Eastern Gulf of Mexico and Navy blimp (a small airship) from Key West also joined the search but all reported "no results."—Reuter.

DUTCH TO STOP FIGHTING ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Announcement Made To Security Council

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Netherlands told the United Nations Security Council on Wednesday it would stop fighting in Java by midnight on Friday and in Sumatra two or three days later.

Several delegates, including Mr. Philip Jessup of the United States, immediately called the Dutch action defiance of the United Nations.

The statement by Dutch delegate, Mr. Jan Herman Van Royen, was made to the Security Council order giving the Dutch 24 hours to release captive Indonesian Republican leaders, and calling on a consular commission in Batavia to report on the Netherlands compliance with the Christmas Eve order for a cease fire in Indonesia.

Replying to the Council's demand for immediate release of Indonesian Republican leaders, including President Soekarno and Premier Mohammed Hatta, Mr. Van Royen said they would be freed if they promised not to endanger "public security."

Mr. Van Royen's answer was given just an hour after the 24-hour deadline.

Several delegates charged in speeches that the Dutch, in both replies, refused to comply with the council's orders, but no specific action was taken or attempted.

"CYNICAL REQUEST"

Syria's delegate, Mr. Faris el Khouri, said it seemed Holland had asked her generals "how soon do you think you will be finished" and gave their reply as the date for the end of operations against the Indonesians.

Mr. Jacob Malik, the Russian delegate, termed the Dutch reply "a cynical request by the aggressor for two or three days more to kill off its victim completely."

India's M. J. Desai charged that the Netherlands "in the clearest terms" have rejected all that the Council ordered. He said the reply came on "the very hour" it should have announced "Holland was obeying."

Mr. Jessup said Mr. Van Royen's reply had not shown compliance. Although it was unsatisfactory, he added, an announcement by Mr. Van Royen that Prime Minister William Drees of the Netherlands would visit Indonesia showed his Government took the Council's resolutions seriously.

Mr. Van Royen's statement to the Council said his forces in Java "are in the course of being terminated" and "in any event" would terminate "at the latest" by midnight on Friday, December 31.

"With a view to the special emergency situation existing in Sumatra, the cessation of hostilities there cannot be effected until two or three days later," he declared.

CONDITION FOR FREEDOM

"It will, of course, remain necessary to act against disturbing elements who, either individually or collectively, endanger public security or interfere with or prevent the supply of food and other essential commodities to the needy population," Mr. Van Royen said.

The release of Mr. Soekarno and other top leaders, he said, will be made "on the understanding that the persons concerned will refrain from activities endangering the public security."

Several delegates said this would subject the Indonesian leaders to an undignified requirement.

However, Britain's delegate, Mr. P. S. Falin, welcomed the Dutch statement and urged the Council to adjourn in the hope the Netherlands will take steps conforming to United Nations wishes.

GUERRILLAS ATTACK

Batavia, Dec. 29.—The clandestine Republican Radio in Java today reported scattered guerrilla attacks on Dutch forces in western Java.

The radio said that one attack against a 20 truck Dutch motor convoy killed 23 Dutch soldiers.

The Radio warned that unless the Security Council takes strong action against the Netherlands, the Indonesians will begin "large scale guerrilla activities."

The fanatical extremist leader, Major General Tjarda, personally went on the air to urge the population to resist. As leader of the so-called suicide troops, General Tjarda hoped to provoke daring raids against the Dutch.

The Netherlands news agency, Aneta, reported from Surakarta that the city, the second largest in the Indonesian Republic, was badly wrecked.

An Aneta correspondent said the Dutch attacks destroyed the city's electric, water, gas and railway facilities and it would take months of repair work to get things going again. He said that shelling was heard in the city every night and all shops were closed.—United Press.

BOYCOTT URGED

Colombo, Dec. 29.—A mass meeting here today called on the Ceylon Government to break off trade and diplomatic relations with the Dutch Government immediately and to propose to other Eastern countries a concerted and effective economic boycott of Holland and the Dutch East Indies.

The meeting called on the workers of Ceylon and other countries to boycott all ships and aircraft carrying supplies to the Dutch in Indonesia.

It condemned the "action of the Dutch imperialists in renewing their colonial war against the Indonesian people."

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Ceylon Indian Congress, the Communist Party, the Trotskyist Lanka Sama Samaj Party, and the Leninist Bolshevik Party.—Reuter.

MELBOURNE DECISION

Melbourne, Dec. 29.—Melbourne seamen, ship painters and dockers voted to boycott Dutch ships.

Wharf labourers decided to handle Dutch ships if none of their cargo is destined for Indonesia. Mr. W. Bird, Secretary of the Seamen's Union, said no tug would be provided for three Dutch vessels in the bay. They are the Nieuw Holland, Abbeker and the tanker Cistula.—Associated Press.

Taxi Pickets Turn Out In Full Force

Well Controlled By Kowloon Police

Striking taxi driver pickets turned out in full force at the Star Ferry approach this morning in an attempt to persuade drivers operating the 40 odd taxis at the ferry to throw in their hands.

No incidents were reported, due largely to efficient police supervision.

About 300 pickets, wearing arm bands, were on duty at the ferry wharf approach, and Police permitted one picket to speak to each driver on duty.

The remainder of the pickets were kept under control on the roadside.

To meet any emergency that might arise, Police riot squads were sent from Shamshuoo and other areas to the Water Police station and during the morning they camped themselves in the compound.

Judged from the number of taxis which maintained the service at the Star Ferry, none of the drivers succumbed to the appeals of the pickets.

Receives His Decoration



Capt. R. D. Scriven receiving his Military Cross from the Governor at this morning's presentation of honours at Government House.—Staff Photographer.

Nationalists Shell, Then Pursue Reds Near Tientsin

Tientsin, Dec. 30.—Nationalist troops, after shelling the Communist forces at Lichichuang, one mile from the southern tip of the Race Course, went into pursuit, forcing the Communists to retreat westward. The Tientsin Garrison declared last night.

It is now presumed that the Communists have a base in the western suburb.

This official announcement confirms Chinese reports that Communist forces appeared near Pantakung Temple in the western locality and warned labourers, sent by the Tientsin Garrison to dig holes for land mines, to withdraw on the penalty of death.

Major operations are taking place in the vicinity of Peiping, according to Nationalist reports which claim they are searching for Communists outside Kwangnanmen, the southwestern gate, and outside Yunglingmen, the central south gate leading to Nanyuan airfield.

Peiping's electricity supply is said to be improving with the city quiet, but gate passage is still restricted and food prices are soaring.

The Tientsin Municipal Government is organising a central commission for the maintenance of the Tientsin Race Course airfield, where landing fees ranging from Y500 to Y800 per touch-down have been instituted.

Intending travellers, both foreign and Chinese, from today must pass through a Garrison exit permit.

Early shutting up owing to the curfew and electricity blackouts have been imposed on sections of the city in retaliation.—Reuter.

Tientsin, Dec. 30.—Venerable Chinese residents enjoying the esteem and respect of the entire population last evening ceremoniously affixed their seals to an appeal for peace addressed to both President Chiang Kai-shek and Mao Tse-tung, the leader of the Chinese Communists.

Observers said for once there seems to be unity among the populace who are clamouring for peace in one voice. That this voice is growing bolder daily is attested by last night's appeal, which was despatched direct to Mao Tse-tung—the first such attempt by North China's Nationalist-controlled population.

In their identical communications to the Kuomintang and Communist leaders, 81 signatories declared that the civil strife had already caused a tremendous loss of life and property and inflicted untold miseries to the masses in the country.

Its continuance has become meaningless and it will only defeat its own purpose.

"Knowing you have the interest of the people at heart, we venture to believe that you are in complete sympathy with the populace for peace," said the appeal.—Reuter.

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PALESTINE CEASE FIRE ORDERED

JEWISH TROOPS INVADE EGYPT

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Security Council, after hearing a British report that the Jewish troops invaded Egypt, today ordered a ceasefire in Palestine, troop withdrawal to the "old truce lines" in Negev and immediate armistice negotiations.

The Council approved the British resolution embracing a broad directive on Palestine after Mr. Harold Beeley (UK) electrified it with a report that Israeli troops penetrated some 25 miles into Egypt along the coastal road.

The sensational report raised the question of revocation of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty signed in 1936 binding each to come to the "immediate" aid of the other in case that either is involved in war.

The resolution, instructed the Council's Palestine Committee to meet at Lake Success on January 7 to report whether Israel and Egypt had complied with the new orders. If either side failed to do so the Council, under previous resolutions, then would consider the possibility of applying sanctions.

UN SUPERVISION

As finally approved the resolution included a French amendment ordering Egypt and Israel to "allow and facilitate the complete supervision of the truce by United Nations observers."

The British resolution was adopted by the Council with eight votes for and three abstentions. The United States, Russia and the Ukraine abstained but the Soviets voted for a section calling for cease fire at once.

An American spokesman said the United States abstention was due to lack of orders from Washington. Before the vote, Mr. Beeley told the Council that word had just been received from the British Embassy in Cairo that the Israeli push into Egypt reached within six miles of El Arish, a coastal town some 30 miles beyond the frontier at which fighting had been going on for several days.

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SPOKESMAN'S DENIAL

An Israeli military spokesman in Tel-Aviv today insisted that no Jewish troops crossed the border. Heavily censored, the spokesman reported fighting at the border, particularly in the coastal corridor between Khan Yunis and the border station of Rafah, less than five miles to the south.

The Israeli Army spokesman also said that "the campaign in Negev reached the mop up stage which presumably would open the way for Jewish forces to engage in other operations if they saw fit."

Before Mr. Beeley reported the invasion of Egypt, Russia accused Britain of trying to block the way to Palestine peace. The Soviet delegate, Mr. Jacob Malik, told the Council: "The United Kingdom is afraid of direct negotiations between the Jews and the Arabs. The United Kingdom should cease hampering the negotiations."

Before making the attack on Britain, Mr. Malik said, "Some great powers are pursuing narrow aims not connected with peace in Palestine. They want perpetual tension."—United Press.

U.S. Private Industry Wants Bigger Say Atomic Energy Production

Washington, Dec. 29.—Eight prominent industrialists today called on the Atomic Energy Commission to let industry play a "greatly expanded" role in the development and production of atomic energy.

The Commission replied that "it was anxious to do so, but had to consider problems secretly to give first attention to national defence."

The Commission chairman, Mr. David Lilienthal, disclosed in a memo that the Hanford atomic plant had nearly broken down when the Commission took over the nation's atomic programme two years ago. He said his group had had to concentrate on preventing any break in the plant's operation, which he said was now taken care of.

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WOMANSENSE

Robb gets a cocktail level view of the arrival of 'cosy spats' from Paris



SPATS—liking point necessary of the last Paris dress shows—are catching on in London. Robb spotted these three styles at a West End cocktail bar. They are made in velvet, plain or checked, in bright colours, with tie-on ankle straps and bows. And no buttons. Advantages? They can be bought in rainproof fabric. They can be copied—once you have a pair—and made up to match your frocks. They turn a plain court shoe into a fashionable bootie like this—



...And Dior may follow the spats

by ANNE EDWARDS

CHRISTIAN Dior, fashion famous from London to Argentine, is expected to link up his Paris house with a London dress manufacturer.

The report which has been a cross-Channel rumour since the summer, became "almost certain" when his Paris competitor, Lanvin, announced a similar tie-up.

The reason is that Dior is maddened by the sight of Dior crazy British women who spend £150 million a year on clothes (many of them Dior inspired) while he makes nothing out of it. His hold on British fashion is astonishing, since not one in ten thousand British women has ever seen a Dior frock.

British patronage at his Paris house is negligible, for £200 frocks cannot be sold to a visitor with a £35 limit on spending. If he starts a model house in London his prices might still sharply limit the number of people who can buy the Dior label.

One guess is that Dior will tie up with a mass-producing firm, design models exclusively for them and take a share of the profits. Since the British are as good at "mass-making" as the French are at designing, it is time they got together. It would scotch the copyists who take a hundred Dior ideas every six months for the price of one dress.

HOLIDAY TIDBITS

HERE'S a batch of holiday suggestions that starts off with the idea of holiday cookies. As the freshly baked cookies come from the oven, brush them first with egg white, then press bits of red and green gum drops into the egg white.

For wonderful tidbits, stuff pitted dates with bits of linned or glazed pineapple; roll leftover pastry very thin. Wrap each date in pastry, place on a shallow pan with the folded side down. Bake in hot oven (450° F.) until golden brown. Use dates, too, for such holiday items as penguins, nice as place-card holidays, or favours. Wrap some in tin foil, or sugar them, for hanging. Take a pitted date and open it wide. Cut a portion from a marshmallow and insert it so that it is plainly visible. Use two small round gumdrops for feet, and a raisin for head, attaching to body with toothpicks. That's all, but very, very amusing!

Draw "faces" on gingerbread cookies, by dipping a toothpick into uncooked frosting and drawing on the requisite "eyes, nose and mouth." Uncooked frosting is easily made by mixing confectioners' sugar with butter and enough cream to moisten.

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WEIGHT IS THE KEY TO HEALTH

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN,

NEARLY all of us like to watch our weight, not merely as a matter of curiosity but as an index of health; and it is true that either a sudden gain or a sudden loss in weight may have medical significance.

Weight loss is associated especially with ailments affecting the stomach and bowel, and recent analyses of the case records of some 227 patients show it very often indicates the presence of organic trouble somewhere in the digestive tract.

Weight Loss

Young people included in the study showed no weight loss. Most patients under the age of 20, who complained of gastro-intestinal troubles did not have any organic disease; that is, there was nothing actually amiss with the tissues of the stomach and bowel though, for one reason or another, they did not function just as they should.

After the age of 60, weight loss in practically all instances meant organic trouble in patients of this age. Organic changes are very likely to be at the root of this type of ailment whether or not there is weight loss.

Between the ages of 21 and 60—the age group which applied to most of the patients studied—the cause of weight loss was less definite. When no weight loss occurred, there was a 50-50 chance that the trouble was functional. In the presence of weight loss, however, the probability of organic disturbance was greater.

The study showed that, for every patient who had lost weight from a functional disorder, there were three with weight loss because of organic trouble.

Organic Disease

A patient with organic disease, such as trouble with the gall-bladder or ulcers of the stomach or bowel, need not necessarily lose weight, but the study revealed that those with organic disease lost weight twice as often as did those with functional disorders.

In this group of patients, the number with cancer was very small; of those with cancer, the only ones who showed much weight loss were those who had cancer of the stomach.

When a person has a complaint involving the stomach, intestines or gall-bladder, there always is need for a thorough examination by a physician, in order to discover not only the location but also the type of disorder present. Determining whether or not the patient has lost weight may be of some help in the diagnosis.

The study of the patient should include not only the determination of weight loss, but also careful X-ray examination of the stomach, bowel and gall-bladder and such laboratory tests as are indicated.

Do Over The Children's Room For The New Year

By ELEANOR ROSS

IT may be a good idea doing over your children's room for the New Year. Maybe there are people, many of them, that aver that a child should be satisfied with its surroundings, whatever they may be. That is all very well, but as a child grows into its teens it becomes acutely aware of its surroundings. A home doesn't have to be lavish to be lovely and to look lived-in. But it must be bright and cheerful, attractive and functional—something that doesn't require a great deal of money, but that does require sense and good judgment.

Sense Of Ownership

During their teens young people develop a sense of ownership, they want a certain degree of privacy and a place for possessions of their own. Making over an ordinary bedroom into a bed-living room can help to fill these needs nicely and give them a pleasant spot to entertain their friends without having the rest of the family underfoot. By letting teenagers plan and fix up a room, there is bestowed a sense of possession and pride that is character-developing. There's no need for a lavish layout. Remember that a youngster's

It's The Hair That Makes The Woman

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD—It's the hair, not the clothes, that makes the woman, Doris Day is ready to swear.

Miss Day spent two weeks as a brunette, and even her own mother didn't know her.

"It was simply unbelievable," Miss Day said. "For two weeks I was practically a stranger."

Miss Day switched from blonde to brunette for two sequences of "Two Guys and a Girl" (Warner Bros.) a film about life in Hollywood. In one brunette sequence she has a dream; in the other she impersonates a French music hall star in an effort to become a film star.

Miss Day's mother, Mrs. Alma Kappelhoff, visiting her from Cincinnati, had the first surprise.

"The first day I was a brunette, I went home at noon to get something which I forgot," said Miss Day, "Mother was talking on the phone when I went in."

"She turned round, looked at me as if I were a complete stranger, and said: 'Doris won't be home until this evening; she's working at the studio.'"

"I had forgotten all about the hair. 'Why, Mother, it's me,' I said."

"Good heavens," said Mother, "what have you done to yourself?"

"Mrs. Kappelhoff was glad to learn the change was only temporary."

Even the director, Michael Curtiz, who should have known better, was confused by Miss Day's hair.

"He walked right by me," she said, "and gave me one of those courteous hellos he gives everybody on the lot. I could tell by his expression he didn't have the faintest idea who I was."

"And to tell the truth, when I looked in the mirror, I wouldn't have recognised myself either."

WINTER TWOSOME



From New York comes a new version of the evening blouse and skirt—now ankle length. Soft-shouldered blouse of black chambray lace tucks inside a full skirt of heavy black satin tightly belted at the waist.

A Good Skin Care Programme



After washing your face, use a liquid cleanser to compensate for the natural oil that is removed by the soap.

By HELEN FOLLETT

OLD-TIMERS sometimes cherish the idea that soap and water care is sufficient for the complexion. Well, let them; that's their privilege. But any beautician will tell them that, in addition to the fundamental cleansing with soap, the cutaneous covering needs a cream of some sort to compensate for the natural oil that is removed. Nature provides a lubricant so the skin surface will not dry out and flake. Often these little oil gushers bother on the job. That's bad. The dry skin is not only drawn and uncomfortable, but it is subject to premature wrinkles.

The woman who uses cosmetics wisely has a more finished look to her skin. Her face is better groomed. The application of an emollient necessitates friction, and friction gives exercise to the underlying fibres that must be kept firm if youthful facial contour is to survive. And that is not all. Since women have been following a beauty routine, they stay young looking longer. A bit of colouring on the cheeks and lips makes the face more vivid and interesting.

Have your soapy scrubbing, dry gently and play with the contents of the cream jar. Every morning, dash on cold water. As a skin tonic, cold water stands unchallenged. It is a splendid stimulant that rings the bell, and all the little blood streams wake up and go about their business.

If you need a complexion cleanser before dinner—as, of course, you will, if you are a career girl and have been on the job all day—you will find delightful lotions that perform as substitutes for soap and water. Easier to apply than cream that must be removed with tissues.

Some of these preparations are clear, colourless liquids; others are emulsions, thin, oily preparations that go on easily, shake off atmospheric dust and are quickly wiped away, leaving just enough of a film to make powder stick.



Right Way Of Cooking Fish

"CHEF, it's less than a quarter of a pound a week!"
"May I know what Madame is talking about?" he asked.
"I'm talking about the consumption of fresh fish per person. Twelve years ago we ate from 12 to 13 pounds a year, but last year we ate only 11 pounds, which is just a little more than three ounces a week for each person."

"That is an incredible state of affairs," said the Chef. "In this country you have an enormous supply of many kinds of fish. It is an excellent food."

"Now wait a minute Chef; let's reason it out. In the first place many homemakers haven't had much experience in fish cookery. This is because their families don't care much for fish."

Never Overcook It
"But it is merely a matter of cooking the fish in an interesting way to make it tasty," countered the Chef. "It should never be overcooked. Fish is as delicate as the egg. It must be cooked at the right temperature or it will be dry."

"Fish is meat, because meat is the flesh of animals. In fact it is any solid protein food eaten for nourishment, and certainly fish comes within that definition."

Bone Weight
"I agree to that, Madame. And of course the bone weight of fish is much lighter than that of other animals, and there is less waste. And fish does not shrink so much in cooking. It is really up to us to suggest more good fish recipes for our readers."

"But they mustn't be too fancy, Chef. I think they would like a good English fish 'n' chips dinner. Do you know that recipe?"
"I have eaten that many times in London. It is very popular and will fit any budget. The cost of the dish depends on the kind of fish you buy. I can make it for you with the fillets of sole, or I can make it with flounder, cod or haddock."

"Today let's use haddock—with plenty of 'chips' to go with it."

Dinner
"Carrot Cream" Soup, Croutons
Fish 'n' Chips
Catsup
Mashed Turnips
Pickled Beets on Lettuce
Mixed Fruit-Gelatin Whipped Topping
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Carrot Cream Soup
Combine 1 c. sifted cooked carrot pulp with 3 c. soup stock, or 3 c. water and a dash of tabasco.

water in which 3 chicken bouillon cubes have been dissolved. Add ¼ tsp. nutmeg, 1 tsp. onion juice, and ½ c. fine-minced celery. Simmer 15 min. Then blend together 1½ tsp. flour and 2 tsp. butter or margarine. Stir in ¼ c. of the hot soup. Add to the cooking soup; stir in 1 c. top milk or undiluted evaporated milk, and cook and stir until boiling.

Fish 'n' Chips
Preparing the Fish: Purchase 1½ lbs. fish fillets (any kind), either fresh or frozen. If frozen, defrosting is not necessary. Cut in 4 to 6 sections. Dust with salt and pepper; roll in flour, then in 1 egg slightly beaten with 2 tsp. milk. Cover with fine dry bread crumbs.

Meantime prepare the "chips" as follows: Thin-potato 1 lb. white potatoes; with a lattice cutter slice ¼" in thickness. Rinse in cold water. Then drain on a towel or absorbent paper. Put enough shortening or vegetable oil in a heavy frying pan to make a depth of ½" when melted. When hot enough to brown a bit of bread in 60 sec., gently put in the potato. Slow-fry until golden brown, from 4 to 5 min. Drain on crumpled absorbent paper, and keep hot.

Cooking the Fish: Into the fat used for frying the potato, put the prepared fish and fry until golden with a slow, steady heat, first on one side then the other. Allow about 12 min. Drain on crumpled absorbent paper. Over-lap the slices of fish on a platter. Heap the "chips" at each end and garnish with parsley.

Mixed Fruit-Gelatin
Any one kind, or a mixture of left-over fruit juices, may be used. Dissolve 1 envelope plain, unflavoured gelatin in ¼ c. fruit juice; heat over steam until dissolved. Stir in 1½ c. any kind of fruit juice, or a mixture (it should be at room temperature). If too sweet, add lime or lemon juice to taste. Stir and add 1 c. mixed, left-over tinned or prepared fresh fruit. Be sure to add at least one fruit that has a crisp bite, such as apple or seedless green grapes. Transfer to deep, glass sauce dishes. Chill until firm, about 3 hrs. in the refrigerator. Serve topped with sweetened whipped cream or whipped dry-cream milk topping.

Trick Of The Chef
Cook a white potato with the turnips to be mashed. Put through a potato ricer. Season with browned butter, a pinch of sugar, salt, pepper and a dash of tabasco.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



SMOKE-CLOUDS—Firemen in the foreground pour water on a two-alarm blaze as fellow fire-fighters enter the building by means of an aerial ladder. Considerable damage was caused by smoke in this fire in the heart of New York.



THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE—Waiting for a train at Spandau West, in the British sector, these Berlin residents rest their bags of coal and potatoes. With dire shortages complicating the hardships of the winter, those living in the western sector run the blockade of Russian-sponsored police to procure needed items which they smuggle out to western zones.



SHAPING NEW ACT—Togare, the cat trainer, holds two hoops connected with canvas as a tiger goes through its paces in new act for a London circus.



ROSY FUTURE?—Jimmy Jones, Calumet Farms trainer, checks the condition of Coaltown before putting the sprint champion into training at Hialeah for the Florida racing season. Coaltown's stablemate and horse of the year, Citation, won the \$50,000 Tanforan Handicap on December 11.



ON BEACH—Film actress Elizabeth Scott, former magazine sweater girl, poses in a swim suit on a California beach.



PARIS CREATION—This high sheen fabric frock of simple style, modelled in New York, employs silk candy taffeta, a flattering collar and huge pockets.



MODELS WORLD FIGURES—Daniel Jacques Allonsius, 25, Paris artist, models a clay caricature of Pres. Vincent Auriol of France. Others he has modelled, are: (top right) Gen. Charles de Gaulle (left) Amir Faisal Al-Saud of Saudi Arabia; (lower right) V. Molotov (left) Winston Churchill. Allonsius works from magazine pictures in shop in the Palais de Chaillot, United Nations meeting site.



HORSE TRUCK IN BERLIN—Dobbin pulls a truck on a Berlin street. Horses are scarce in the German capital, mostly because hay is, too. Petrol for private cars is scarcer.



WINTER SEASON—Janie Strickland cools her feet in the refreshing waters at Vero Beach, Florida. Just about the time the northern states are preparing for the winter season, many a fortunate lass and lad take advantage of the warmer climate further south.

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AN ARTIST'S MEDIUM—Sculptors Frank Dutt and wife, Betty, use lard as their material in fashioning these figures for "International Livestock Show" in Chicago. When completed, 350 pounds of lard will depict 10 little pigs cavorting in a square dance while mother pig looks on.

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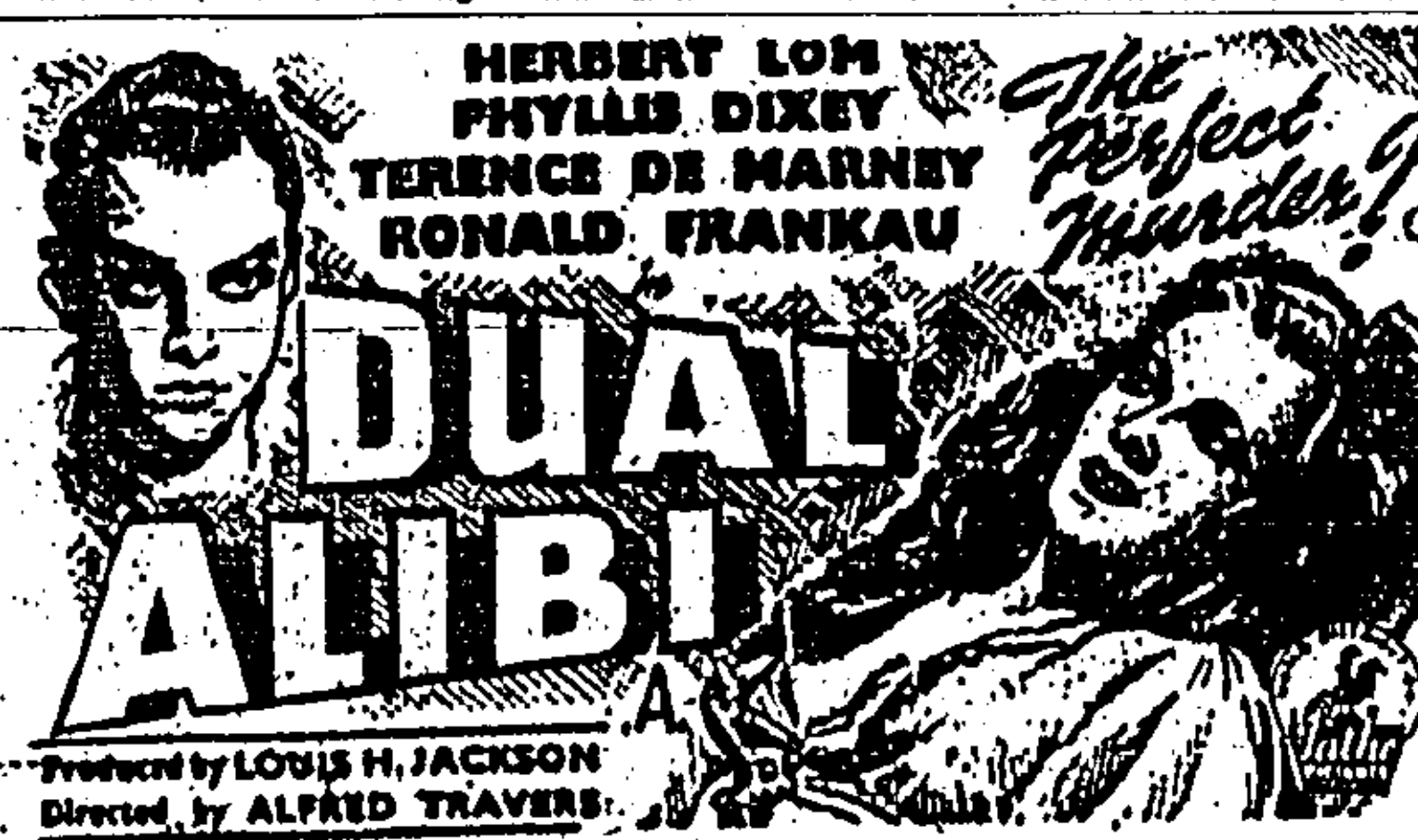
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THE REAL STALIN

PART FIVE

By EMIL LUDWIG

THE decisive factor of World War II was the attitude of Hitler's allies. If the Japanese had not attacked Pearl Harbour, the United States might never have entered the war.

And if Stalin had refrained from occupying Bessarabia, Hitler would not have felt threatened in the east; he would—so he said himself—have attacked England, never have started the Russian war, and probably would have gained victory.

Stalin's attitude towards Germany was always wavering between sympathy and dislike.

Though I hadn't asked him about it, he said, as a kind of statement during our interview: "The Russian people like the German people."

And when I asked him why, he simply replied: "It's a fact."

It seems that, in the early thirties, some of Stalin's comrades thought of using that popular sentiment for concluding an alliance with the Germans.

Together with about sixteen other Bolshevik leaders, Trotsky and Radek were suspected of trying to negotiate such a pact, or at any rate Stalin could make them look like suspects.

This was his great chance, for, as it happened, those men had more or less always sided with Trotsky.

being communists did not interfere with their remaining, or becoming, imperialist Russians.

For many years—and already under Lenin—Stalin himself was at the head of the Department of Nationalities.

Belonging to a racial minority himself, he was striving to gain equality for all non-Russian minorities in Russia.

In Stalin's case, one has to add the humiliations which in his native province even educated Caucasians had been exposed to at the hands of the "genuine Russians," and which he must have witnessed.

As socialists everywhere maintain that their spirit of international

brotherhood does not interfere with their patriotism, so Stalin, by embarking on an expansionist Russian nationalism, wanted to show to the people that his own ambitions for Russia were second to none.

When I mentioned Peter the Great in our talk, he evaded any comparison; but some years later he had a movie made about Peter, in whose figure he wanted the people to find something of his own person.

SELF-IDOLATRY

STALIN carried this self-idolatry so far as to agree—for he must have agreed—to having no less than six portraits and statues of himself exhibited in the French pavilion at the Paris World Exposition of 1938.

In the 1930-40 decade Stalin had to keep his eyes continuously on both his great neighbours, for he was aware of the bellicose spirit of both Germany and Japan.

Time and again Stalin changed the Five-Year Plan to accommodate it to military needs.

Hitler, surely half a communist himself, kept on railing against communism, and preparing for its destruction.

In 1939, when Hitler was ready for his world war, a diplomatic chess game started between him and Stalin, with both partners trying to cheat, and with everybody knowing they did.

The documents published in Washington early in 1948 prove that neither of them trusted the other.

According to one of those documents, Hitler declared that he couldn't stand the "horrible face" of Stalin's new right-hand man, Molotov.

We don't know how Molotov felt about Hitler's face.

After having for ten years relied on the brilliant mind of Litvinov, Stalin had now picked a man of his own pallid likeness and taciturnity.

Only in reading Molotov's speeches in full does one realise their full coldness and their boring effect—characteristics which also mark the speeches of Stalin.

TO BE CONTINUED TOMORROW

A KING WANTS TO DESIGN TANKS

"SUPPOSE you were not the King of Iraq. What would you like to be?"

The boy laughed happily. "Gangster films."

"Why?"

"Because they have lots of shooting."

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By Sydney Taylor

"How big?" I asked.

"Anything up to 100 tons," replied the king.

As he sat beside me, he looked a typical schoolboy. He wore long trousers of grey tweed, with a wine-coloured slipover on top of a white sports shirt wide open at the throat.

In his regal robes he might stop traffic; but in the clothes in which I saw him, he at once dropped into an insignificant place among the myriads of schoolboys in England.

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And that is much the attitude towards him at Sandroyd Preparatory School, 20 miles from ancient-cathedral-town of Salisbury in the south of England.

Like anybody else's son, he has to do as he is told. The early rising habit reminds him of this at 7.30 every morning. He gets up at once, or very nearly at once, because every other boy has to do the same.

And when he leaves his room, it has to be tidy.

"The Matron," reflected King Faisal, "is very strict."

After an English authority breakfast, the boy starts ordinary school lessons. In addition to history, he has a fond of geography and drawing.

He studies four languages, Arabic, Kurdish, English, and French. At Mustafa Jawad teaches him Arabic and Arab literature, and says: "He loves these subjects almost too much."

The King's aide-de-camp, Colonel Abdul Muttalib, takes him in two other favourite subjects, Arab history and the geography of the Middle East.

True Arab, the young King is avid for facts about Iraq, his native land, and the sister Arab states of Egypt, Lebanon, Transjordan, Yemen, and Saudi Arabia.

He has wonderful insight, for one so young, into the world crisis and the part played by Iraq oil. He asks constantly about the fighting in Palestine and understands why the Arabs will never tolerate a separate Jewish state there. He studies the problems of Libya and Tripolitania, where Iraq and the other Arab

countries are strongly against a return of Italian rule.

Finally the boy king shares wholeheartedly the Arab League's aspirations for a bloc of 75 million people with the same historical background, culture and way of life stretching from the Persian Gulf along the French, North African coast to the Atlantic.

His two Arab tutors live in Salisbury and go to see him almost every day.

Queen Aliya, no different from any other schoolboy's mother, watches carefully over him, teaching him how to behave with people and how to converse. She reads his school books, hears his confidences, knows his weaknesses, misses nothing.

At the end of a year at Sandroyd (one term was missed owing to the skiing accident), King Faisal goes to Bryanston School, Dorset, Britain's newest public school, where for four years he will mix with a typical cross-section of boys, including those from elementary schools.

At the age of 16, having attained his majority, he returns to Iraq and his uncle, the Regent, Emir Abdul Ilah.

For nine momentous years Faisal II has been King of Iraq. One world war has been fought during his reign. The world continues to change politically and economically, and, meanwhile, the boy who is called upon one day to play so high a role dreams on towards manhood at his peaceful English school.

Much will happen in the world before he returns to his triangular kingdom of desert, mountains and fertile valleys far away in the Middle East, in the Region of the Five Seas.—Reuter.

NANCY She Knew It All the Time



H.K. RESIDENTS RECEIVE KING'S HONOURS

Ceremony At Govt. House This Morning

Insignia of honours awarded to local residents for public service, devotion to duty, gallantry during the Pacific war and during the Japanese occupation, were presented by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, KCMG, in the ball room of Government House this morning in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering. Many of the awards were for services rendered to the British Army Aid Group during the occupation period.

His Excellency, accompanied by Capt A. P. F. Wilson, ADC, wore full dress uniform with sword while the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, wearing full judicial wig, read the citations. His Honour was accompanied on the dais by Mr L. Allreth, Mace-Bearer.

Seated in the front row were Lady Gibson, Commodore and Mrs C. L. Robertson, Brigadier and Mrs A. de Burgh-Morrice, Air Commodore and Mrs A. D. Davies, Bishop Hall, Bishop Valerita, the Colonial Secretary (the Hon D. M. MacDougal), Lady Anne Hurlstone and Mrs Scott.

First to mount the dais was the Hon Sir Man-kam Lo, Kt, CBE, who received the insignia of Knight Bachelor. Sir Man-kam was sponsored by Sir Shouson Chow and Sir Robert Ho Tung.

FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

The citation accompanying Sir Man-kam's knighthood, read: "Sir Man-kam Lo is the senior member of an old Hongkong family distinguished for their public work. A man of independent outlook, he has given himself wholeheartedly to the service of the public for many years. Since the reoccupation he has devoted himself almost entirely to public affairs, without regard to his own private interests."

The insignia of the CBE was presented to Mr. Herbert John Collar, who was the public for the outbreak of war. He was accompanied on the dais by the Hon. A. Morse, CBE, and the Hon. D. J. Sloss, CBE.

Mr. Collar, the citation stated, was Camp Representative at the Hong Kong Road Internment Camp in Shanghai. Before his internment, he played a big part in the direction of the war effort of the British community in Shanghai and in the period between Pearl Harbor and the internment of the British community was active in the provision of relief and in assisting the Swiss Consular authorities in their task of protecting the interests of the large British community in Shanghai.

Other recipients of awards, who included several members of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, were:

OBE

Lt. Col. Raymond Home-Robertson, awarded the OBE in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Burma during the war. Commander Richard John Venn, awarded the OBE for gallant service in contact with the enemy whilst a prisoner of war.

Mr. Chan, the citation awarded the OBE in recognition of his courageous and successful efforts to preserve the Hongkong University Library during the Japanese occupation. Mr. Benjamin Wong Tape, awarded the OBE for his valuable public services, extending over many years, in the Colony.

Lt. Col. Harry Owen Hughes, OBE joined the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps in 1924 and is still serving. He took a leading part in the building up of the Corps in the 1920's and has worked indefatigably ever since to maintain its strength and efficiency.

MBE (MILITARY)

Seg. Major Frederick Charles Jones, awarded the MBE for meritorious services to his fellow prisoners in a Japanese prison camp and also for untiring work in connection with repatriation and demobilisation arrangements of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps immediately after the reoccupation. Warrant Officer H. Manassah Nat. Rakushe awarded the MBE for his services in compiling individual records for all Volunteers in Camp, and for services rendered at Headquarters on the very difficult problem of records immediately after the reoccupation.

Captain Alberto Maria Rodrigues joined the HKVDC in 1939 and has a fine record in the Corps, not only before and during hostilities, but also during captivity when he was untiring energy and devotion to the welfare of his fellow prisoners earned him the gratitude of all ranks. Since liberation he has continued to devote much of his time and professional services to looking after needy volunteers and their families.

MBE (CIVIL DIV.)

Mr. Henry Edward Swaine, awarded the MBE for his courage and devotion to duty when, as fourth engineer of the ss Kingyuan, he remained in the stokehold in spite of grave danger, until he was ordered to abandon ship.

Mr. Yeoh Tek-ee, rendered the MBE for services rendered during military operations in the For East.

Mr. Chan, Mak-Houng, awarded the MBE for conspicuously fine work as Divisional Officer in the Hongkong Auxiliary Fire Service, and for courage and devotion to duty under enemy fire.

Mr. Yeung Kai-hi, awarded the MBE for valuable services rendered prior to the Pacific War and immediately after the re-occupation of the Colony.

Mr. Tai Kam-cheung, awarded the MBE for services to internees at Hongkong during the enemy occupation.

Mr. Hui Man-kai, awarded the MBE for his devotion to duty as a member of the BAAG during the Japanese occupation.

Miss Mary Sufian was a member of the AHS of the ill-fated medical aid post at the Salsorian Mission, Shaikwan. She escaped to China after the surrender and eventually joined the BAAG and for her devotion to duty on active service, and for displaying most commendable bravery during the evacuation from Hongkong when her conveyance was in danger of being captured by the enemy, she was awarded the MBE.

Mr. Francis Brett, has supervised the licensing and general control of all launches, junks and other native craft in the waters of the Colony for 17 years and in recognition of his services he was awarded the MBE.

Mr. Edward Charles Kerrison has given 26 years of loyal and unselfish service as a Health Inspector, and for his long service and devotion to duty he was awarded the MBE.

MILITARY CROSS

Captain Robert Douglas Scriven was awarded the Military Cross for effecting a gallant escape from Shamshuipo Camp on February 2, 1942, trekking over 200 miles to territory occupied by the Chinese Regular Forces and eventually making his way to Kungong.

Captain Kenneth Andrew Munro, awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the landing at Le Hanoi on June 6, 1944, under heavy enemy fire, he succeeded in occupying an outpost and directing the fire for an early stage, thus greatly assisting the infantry to secure the first lodgement ashore.

Lieutenant Bevan Clarence Field, awarded the Military Cross for courage and outstanding devotion to duty during an attack on Wong-nicheng, where he commanded a platoon. Although seriously wounded and all the crew of his pillbox wounded or killed, he continued the defence himself with hand-grenades. He also displayed utmost gallantry in carrying out small counter-attacks in one of which he destroyed an enemy section and captured their automatic gun.

ROYAL RED CROSS

Sister Jessie Brown, P.M.R.A.F.N.S. was awarded the Decoration of the Royal Red Cross Second Class on January 1, 1948.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

Mohamed Yousif Khan was awarded the BEM in recognition of his great loyalty, courage and devotion to duty as a member of the Auxiliary Communication Service during hostilities in Hongkong, and for his services to B.A.A.G. during the Japanese occupation.

KING'S COMMENDATIONS

Mr. Cheung Mau-sau was awarded the King's Commendation for Brave Conduct for services to the Military Forces during the military operations in South East Asia.

Mr. Yue Yan-sien was awarded the King's Commendation for Brave Conduct in recognition of services of a special nature during the war.

THE SPONSORS

Sponsors for the recipients included the following: OBE—Dr the Hon J. P. Fehily, Col H.B.L. Dowbiggin, Mr R. S. W. Paterson, Lt-Col E. J. R. Mitchell, Prof H. K. Digby, Dr G. H. Thomas, and Col L. T. Rids, Mr B. E. Mr R. J. J. Everest, Mr D. L. Strellet, Capt A. J. Rodrigues, Mr Tang Shi-kin, Miss W. Watson, Dr Katie Woo and Mr J. Jolly, CBE.

Marine Court

For lying in-shore during prohibited hours at the piers near the Jordan Red ferry pier, Lo Kam-muk, 40, master of a sampan, was fined \$10 or three days, by Mr Cairns at the Marine Court this morning.

A boy of 15, charged with a similar offence, was cautioned, as he was under age. Both pleaded ignorance of the regulations.

Woo Lok, 30-year-old coolie, had his bail of \$2000 estreated when he failed to appear in answer to a charge of causing an obstruction to navigation by allowing floating logs to be moored alongside the piers.

Wai, inside the Northern Entrance of the Yuamui Typhoon Shelter.

Cold Weather Decorates Fire Truck



This hook and ladder truck called to fight a fire in an empty cold storage warehouse in Chicago became encrusted with icicles during sub-freezing weather recently.—AP Picture.

Pearl Harbour Bombs Didn't Surprise HIM!

New York, Dec. 29.—Ricardo Rivera, Schreiber, pre-war Peruvian Minister to Japan, has claimed that he knew of the planned Japanese attack on the United States 11 months before Pearl Harbour.

He said he learned of the plans from Japanese members of his staff in 1940 and from anti-militarists, including Professor Yoshida of the University of Tokyo.

Mr Schreiber said he took his information to the United States Ambassador, Joseph Grew, on January 28 and Mr Grew, in his presence, posted a cable to the State Department in Washington.

"I understand the information I obtained was received with a little scepticism in Washington," he added.—United Press.

All Clear Sounds For Elgin Marbles

London, Dec. 29.—The all-clear has been sounded for the famous Elgin Marbles, and they are to be brought out of their wartime hide-out in a London tube station.

Aldwych—where they have been stored for nine years.

Weighing 100 tons, the Elgin Marbles are a collection of Greek sculptures removed from the Acropolis in Athens by Lord Elgin at the beginning of the last century, when the temples had been turned into a Turkish fortress.

Among the works, bought by Britain in 1816 for £30,000, is part of the frieze of the Parthenon. The sculptures are being taken back to the British Museum, where they will be placed on view. Some of them weigh three tons and have to be carried on special low-slung trucks.

Professor D. Ashmole, keeper of the Greek and Roman antiquities at the Museum, says it will be several months before the marbles are ready for display.

They will have to be cleaned, he says, "but they have been kept covered and have not suffered from their confinement in the tunnel."—Associated Press.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



Do you think we ought to invite a few dull people to make the interesting ones stand out?

New Drug May Step Up UK Meat Ration

London, Dec. 29.—British scientists have found a new drug for cattle which may make Africa the world's biggest meat supplier.

The drug—Antrycide—will prevent or cure the sleeping sickness carried by the tsetse fly. Its discovery was announced here tonight by the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, Mr David Rees-Williams.

He described it as "one of the great steps forward of our time—not only for Africa but for the world."

With the Minister at the press conference were several of the team of scientists from the Imperial Chemical Industries who had helped to produce the new drug.

The drug's real pioneer, Dr Francis Curd, was killed in a railway accident last month. He was also the joint discoverer of paludrine, the anti-malarial drug announced in 1945.

Antrycide has not yet been tested against human sleeping sickness, it was explained, but this disease is less serious today since there are already drugs available to combat it.

The supplies of antrycide will be limited at first. The first to be supplied will be the Sudan, Kenya and Uganda.

Dr Cecil Greenhaw, Director of the Imperial Chemical Industries, said out of three tons of antrycide will cure about two million animals, and two or three tons would be produced next year.

Antrycide is purely a synthetic laboratory-built serum. It is a white crystalline powder which dissolves in water.—Reuter.

Slightly Short Of Target

London, Dec. 29.—Britain's total coal output during 1948, with one week to go before the coal year ends, has reached 205,818,000 tons towards the target of 211 million tons.

This compares with 193,600,000 tons in the same period last year. Last week's output dropped from the previous week's record total of 4,585,300 tons to 3,820,400 tons.—Reuter.

Full Court Rejects Two Appeals

Two appeals against severity of sentence passed by the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, at the November Criminal Sessions were refused by the Full Court (comprising Mr Justice Reynolds and Mr Justice Wicks) in the Supreme Court this morning.

Lui Dip, who pleaded guilty to seven counts of burglary, house-breaking and larceny, was sentenced by Sir Leslie on November 19 to 10 years hard labour. He appealed for a reduction on the grounds that the sentence was too heavy and also that he had enemies in the Stanley Canal. He further stated that he had an aged mother to support in addition to a young wife and several children. He admitted a previous offence, also for burglary, in June 1946 when he was sentenced to nine months.

CHANCE TO REFORM

Refusing the appeal, Mr Justice Reynolds said that Lui had pleaded guilty to a number of counts which were very serious offences. He told Lui that he had a chance to reform in 1946, but had not taken it. He saw no reason why the Court should interfere with the sentence passed by the trial judge.

The second appeal brought by Lo Car-foo was also refused. Lo was convicted in the same trial as Lui on a charge of aiding and abetting Lui in the breaking into and stealing from Gilman's Garage in Nathan Road two typewriters and four motor car tyres, and sentenced to four years.

Lo appealed for a reduction on the ground that he was a first offender.

CORRESPONDENT CHARGED

Manila, Dec. 30.—Corporal Florencio Brosas, 22, of the Philippines Army, died last night from a bullet wound received when he allegedly tried to break into the home of David Strenberg, 38, crippled Manila correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor.

The police charged Strenberg with frustrated homicide, but said that in view of Brosas' death, the charge might be changed to homicide. However, Strenberg was not detained or required to post a bond.

Strenberg, who is unable to walk as a result of infantile paralysis, said he shot the man with a pistol when he tried to enter his bedroom through a window.—United Press.

BIGGEST AIRCRAFT EVER PROJECT

Constance, Dec. 29.—Dr Hugo Zepplin, 80-year-old German Zeppelin designer, told Reuter today that plans were afoot in the United States to build the largest lighter-than-air aircraft in history.

Twenty-five of these could maintain the current afloat in Berlin. He would not disclose who would build the craft.—Reuter.

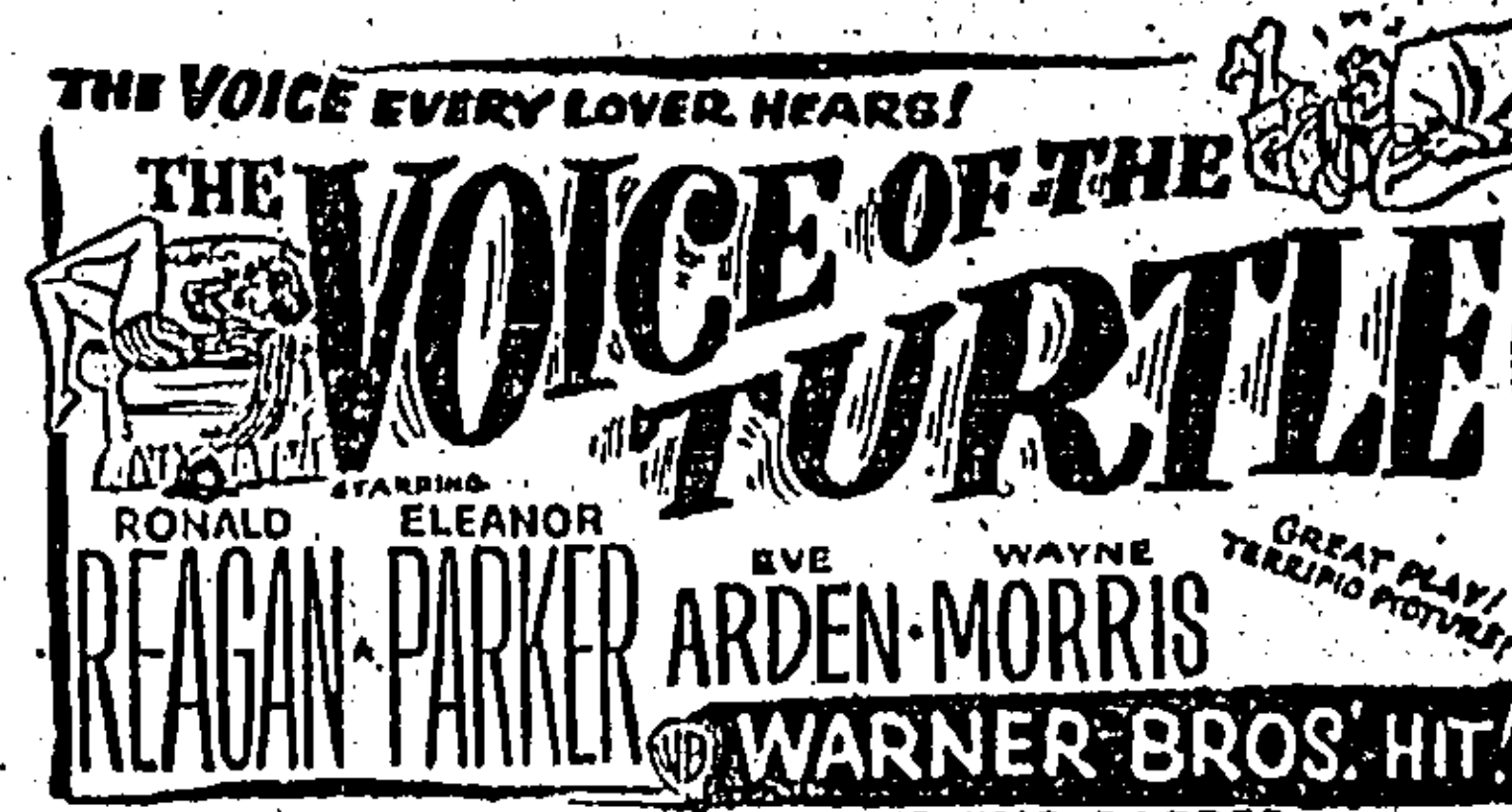
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Saigon, 3 p.m. Manila, 3 p.m. Shanghai, 5 p.m. Swatow and Amoy, 2 p.m.

STRIKE DEMAND

London, Dec. 29.—The Minister of Labour, Mr George Isaacs, was tonight formally notified by the National Union of Railwaymen—who are threatening to strike for higher wages—that their claim for an all-round wage increase of 12 shillings and six pence per week.

The Minister has now 21 days to decide what course to adopt before the railwaymen can legally call a strike. The union has a membership of 400,000.—Reuter.

18,000 More Britons

London, Dec. 29.—It is announced that almost 18,000 aliens were granted British citizenship last year. Former subjects of Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland formed nearly three-quarters of the total.

The European total was 15,033 and the non-European 422.—Reuter.

Watchnight Service

A Watchnight Service will be held at St. Andrew's Church tomorrow (Friday), starting at 11.30 p.m. On New Year's Day there will be celebration of Holy Communion at St. Andrew's Church at 8 a.m., and morning service at 10 o'clock.

TEST MATCH

SOUTH AFRICA FOLLOWS ON

Johannesburg, Dec. 29.—South Africa are in danger of suffering their second defeat in the Test series against England. They were dismissed here today in the second Test for 315 in reply to England's first innings total of 608, followed on and were 28 for the loss of Owen Wynne's wicket at the close of play.

The match ends tomorrow when South Africa, with nine wickets standing, need 265 runs to save the innings defeat.

South Africa's batting broke down when Bruce Mitchell was dismissed after batting four and a half hours for 86. They lost five wickets for 95 runs between lunch and tea.

Walter Wade, who scored 85 in three hours 35 minutes, and Lindsay Tuckett, who scored 38, put on 38 for the eighth wicket, which was followed by a ninth wicket partnership of 40 between Tuckett and Norman Mann, who made 23.

Following on, South Africa made another bad start by losing Wynne for four, with only 15 runs on the board.

England gained the mastery after lunch when the score was 178 for three.

When the game was resumed, four South African wickets fell for 57 runs but a stubborn eighth wicket partnership held up the England bowlers until the last ball before tea when the total was 273 for eight.—Reuter.

EARLIER PLAY

Fighting back after losing Dudley Nourse's wicket for the addition of only one more run on resuming their innings this morning, the South Africans were 178 for 3 at lunch time.

Bruce Mitchell, one of the finest defensive batsmen in the world, and Walter Wade, the wicket keeper, by resolute and correct methods: wore down the English attack in an unbroken fourth wicket stand of 82.

At the interval, Mitchell was 82 not out, Wade 40 not out, Doug Wright got Nourse leg before for 32 with the fourth ball of his first over, a googly which slipped through.

TEAM FOR THIRD TEST

Alan Melville, who captained the South African cricket team which toured England in 1947, has been recalled by the South African selectors for the third Test against England starting here on Saturday.

Melville, who had suffered from a dislocated wrist, is now completely fit. The team shows only two changes from the one which played in the first and second Tests. Melville and Martin Hanley, an off-break bowler, replacing Eric Howan and Lindsay Tuckett. Melville should considerably strengthen the South African batting.

The team is—A. D. Nourse (Captain), A. Melville, O. Wynne, D. Mitchell, D. B. Reade, W. Wade, Dawson, Hanley, M. Hanley, C. McCarthy and N. Mann, with J. Cheatham twelfth man.—Reuter.

CRICKET OR HOCKEY?

By VERNON MORGAN

London, Dec. 29.—Those who put cricket first above all other games as being the best sport for youth read with great interest the statement by Don Bradman in his farewell broadcast that cricket occupies a unique place in the lives of the British people because of the "great character building qualities inherent in cricket."

That, as has been stated before, is a matter of opinion and Americans, shall we say, are hardly likely to subscribe to the view that they are inferior to Britons because they play baseball and not cricket.

Indeed, there are those in Britain who would put other sports above cricket as bringing out the best in youth and teaching youngsters to "play the game" in after life.

The value of football and athletics has been often discussed, but a new plea comes forward from hockey lovers. There is obviously much to be said for this fine game which, although today one of Britain's minor sports, seems to be gaining popularity in Europe, in Holland in particular.

Hockey fans say, and with every justification, that there is more fun to be got out of this sport than out of cricket, football or athletics. It is rather hard to explain this but it certainly does seem so.

The greatest all-round sportsman of Britain who plays many games would probably say that of them all the one they get the most enjoyment out of is hockey.

Perhaps this is because it is a natural game which does not require any great degree of skill or fitness until one reaches the very highest level. At this stage it requires considerable effort to get as proficient as are the Indians today.

When this level has been reached, the game becomes one of the most fascinating in the world to watch and there was no finer spectacle at Wembley than the hockey final between India and Great Britain.

Hockey ranks with rugby football as the most popular of all sports, which is another good point in its favour.—Reuter.

Sheffield Shield

Melbourne, Dec. 29.—New South Wales had to content with a first innings lead over Victoria in their Sheffield Shield match which ended in a tame draw today.

The final scores were: New South Wales 334 and 200 for six wickets declared; Victoria 107 and 93 for four.

The expectations that New South Wales would attempt to force a victory faded when only 70 runs were added before lunch, New South Wales, 63 for two overnight, did not go for the runs even when they were 230 ahead, and frantic cheers greeted the occasional singles.

J. McInnes scored a not-out century, which included seven fours, in three hours. Arthur Morris made 39.

Victoria, set to get 348 in 165 minutes, concentrated on playing out time to gain the one Shield point for a draw.

F. Johnston claimed three of the four Victorian wickets which fell at a personal cost of 32 runs.—Reuter.

OLD-TIMER LOCATED

George Bodiker In Hamburg

Old Hongkong tennis players will remember George Bodiker, for several years undisputed hard court champion of Canton, and will be interested to learn that he is alive and well in Hamburg.

A letter has been received from him this week by an old friend, and Bodiker reveals that he is married and has a family of two boys and two girls.

He wishes to be remembered to his one-time tennis opponents and partners in Hongkong.

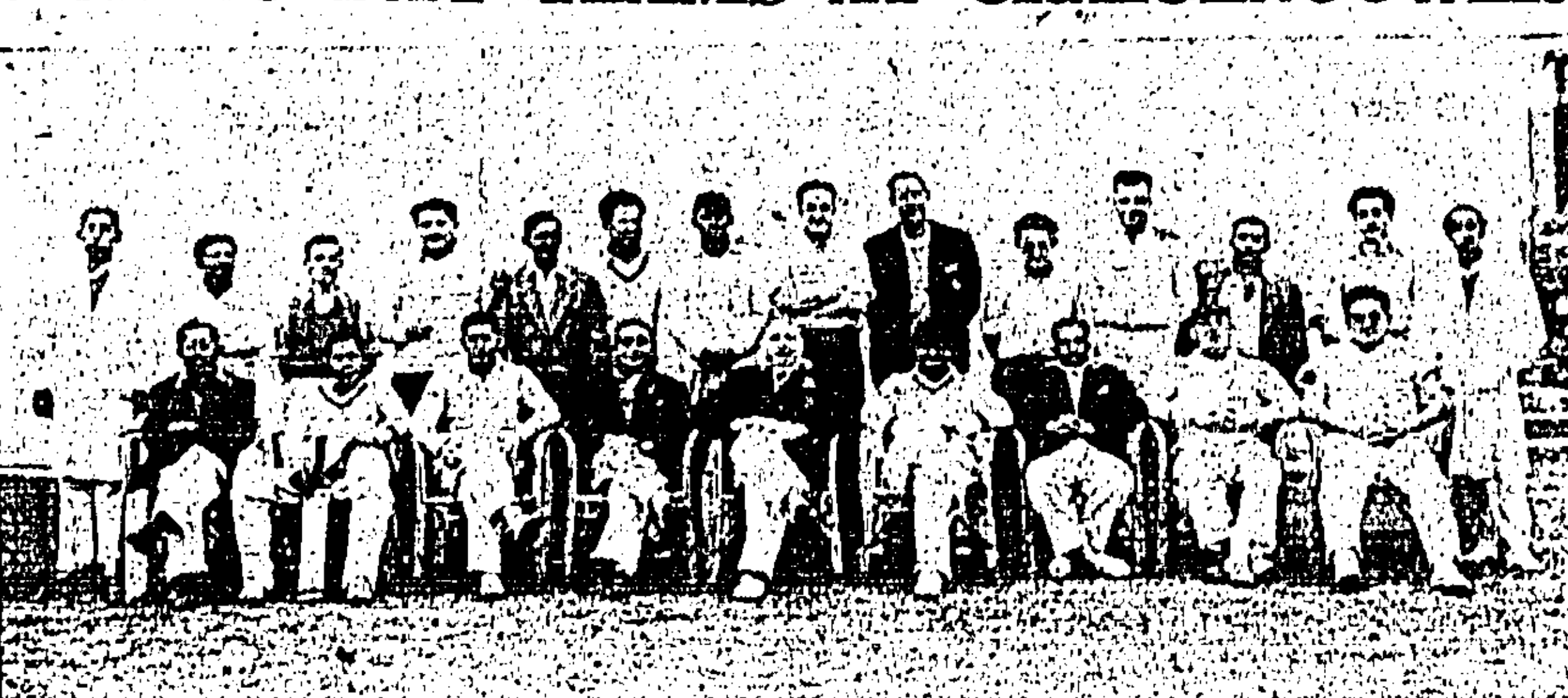


Training Times

Sixty-one ponies were out for training gallops at the Valley yesterday morning.

Times taken were:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Good News	32.2	1.06	1.37	1	21.1																			
Kelly	32.2	1.04	1.34	1	20.2																			
Let Fire	32.2	1.04	1.33	31																				
Skymaster	32.2	1.04	1.33	31																				
Blacksmith	32.2	1.04	1.33	233	29.3																			
The Alligator	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Reuter	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Speed Wheel	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Wangman	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Forward	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
James	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Maniac	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
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Slut	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Sportmaster	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Condor	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Madame	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
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Highlight	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Arax	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Ben Votlich	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
John Por	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Holly	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Flying Knight	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Ray	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Top Hat	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Foxy	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
First Alarm	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Stirling Castle	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Welling Peace	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Green Back	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Arax	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Green Velvet	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Janina	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Alto	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Iron Mask	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Southeast Wind	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Dieter	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Hingmer	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Sparkling Star	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Widowmaker	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Pegasus	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Popularity	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Probability	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
The Hopeful	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Blind Day	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
My Love	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Sparkling Eyes	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Amazing	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Penelope	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Widowmaker	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Bright View	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Mimi	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Shakespeare	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Epitaph	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Shakespeare	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Atomic Power	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Fluffy Bee	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			
Jeppier	34.1	1.07	1.37	2.00	2.22																			

BOXING DAY TEAMS AT CRAIGENGOWER



The Bachelors beat the Benedicts by 16 runs in the annual Boxing Day match at Craigengower. Here are the teams:

Standing (Left to right): U. Thadani, A. Kuruneru, F. Woodier, T. Leonard, J. L. Youngs, J. C. Koh, J. M. Omar, N. Leonard, S. A. Fowler, J. Starkey, J. E. Mogra, S. J. Pestonjee, Lloyd Wong and T. Ramchand. Sitting (Left to right): A. M. Omar, Robert Tay, G. Hong Choy, C. W. Lam, B. W. Bradbury, S. Ramchand, E. H. Esmail, T. Crabtree and S. Leonard. — Photo by Golden Studio.

ARCHIE QUICK ON THE HOME FOOTBALL FRONT

The Football League Will Not Be Rushed

A short while ago the Secretary of the Football League, Fred Howarth of Preston, said to me, "We are not going to be rushed into anything by the Players' Union, sympathetic as we might feel towards them."

Those words came true at the much-boasted triangular meeting between the League, the Football Association and the Players' Union after the third round Cup "draw" in London.

When I saw the Players' Union representatives, Jimmy Guthrie, the Chairman, Jimmy Fay, the Secretary, Frank Broome, the Derby County Vice-Chairman, George Swindin of Arsenal, George Dalton of Chesterfield, Douglas Low of Norwich and Fred Collingridge of Sheffield United among them, coming out from the conference, their faces bore a dazed expression.

The Football Association and Football League officials had been as arbitrary as ever. The agenda showed five items: Minutes convening the meeting, players' contracts, the provision of scheme, vocational training, and any other business.

The meeting never got beyond the first item. What happened was that the Football Association Chairman, Arthur Broome, opened the meeting at 3.30 p.m. by saying that he had to catch the 4.45 p.m. train to Huddersfield.

League President Will Cuff intimated that he could not be present through illness and, before the Football Association Chairman, Arthur Broome, opened the meeting at 3.30 p.m. by saying that he had to catch the 4.45 p.m. train to Huddersfield.

There had been rumours in the air that the Football Association was preparing a "provident" scheme whereby players would now get a retirement benefit of £50 for every year of successive service with a Club. The money to be raised by representative matches.

This was never mentioned at the meeting. But soccer affairs are heating up. The Players' Union representatives have been mentioned in the House of Commons and their grievances listened to with interest.

Jimmy Guthrie, the man who won the Cup for Portsmouth the year before the war, is a determined person and he will never rest until he gets better financial conditions for players.

He is incensed, for instance, that George Dick was fined £50 and suspended for two weeks for asking for more than he is entitled to by contract when he was transferred from Blackpool to West Ham.

Guthrie says that every Englishman is entitled to ask for more. The London meeting was definitely a widening of the breach and there are less unlikely things than August transfer agreements being reached.

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

LESSON HAND

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Defence Can Make
Defeat Impossible

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

IT was a great shock to those who knew S. J. Simon of England to learn of his sudden death. He was the writer of "Why You Lose at Bridge." The book not only has a lot of good bridge in it, but it is cleverly written and entertaining.

In the August issue of The Bridge World there was an article written by Mr. Simon about the European Championship at Copenhagen. As always, he had several interesting hands in the article, and our hand today is one of them.

It is not too much of a problem for North and South to arrive at a four-spade contract, and the natural defence is for West to cash the ace and king of hearts, then

♠ 52	♥ 52	♦ 52	♣ 52
♠ 43	♥ 43	♦ 43	♣ 43
♠ 32	♥ 32	♦ 32	♣ 32
♠ 23	♥ 23	♦ 23	♣ 23
♠ 14	♥ 14	♦ 14	♣ 14
♠ 10	♥ 10	♦ 10	♣ 10
♠ 9	♥ 9	♦ 9	♣ 9
♠ 8	♥ 8	♦ 8	♣ 8
♠ 7	♥ 7	♦ 7	♣ 7
♠ 6	♥ 6	♦ 6	♣ 6
♠ 5	♥ 5	♦ 5	♣ 5
♠ 4	♥ 4	♦ 4	♣ 4
♠ 3	♥ 3	♦ 3	♣ 3
♠ 2	♥ 2	♦ 2	♣ 2
♠ 1	♥ 1	♦ 1	♣ 1

shift to a diamond. But you will find now that it is impossible to defeat the contract, as declarer will get a dead squeeze on East. East cannot protect his four clubs to the jack, the queen-jack of hearts and king of diamonds.

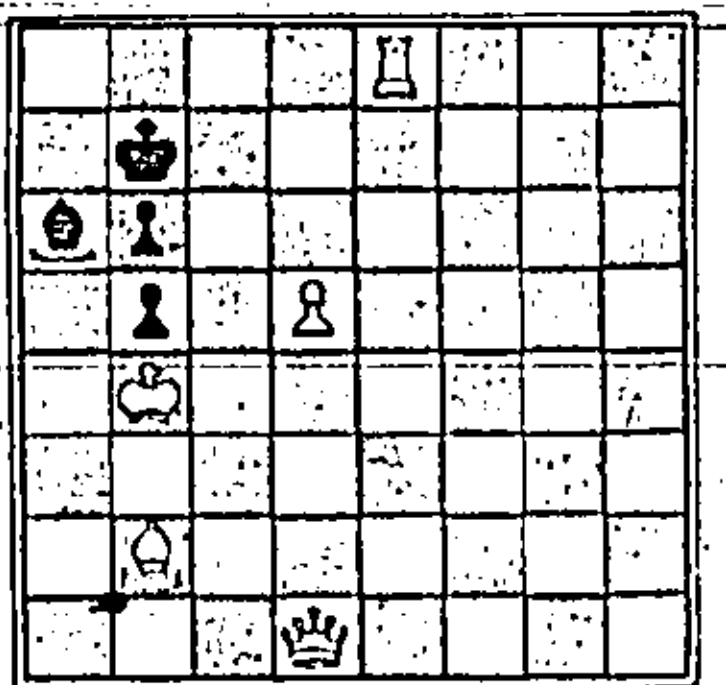
If West cashes only one heart trick and shifts to a diamond, the squeeze play can be broken up if East can risk discarding his hearts.

This board was played in a team match. At the other table North and South arrived at four spades, but West doubled and North redoubled. Once again the ace and king of hearts were cashed and the play was identical.

England has produced some fine bridge players. S. J. Simon will go down in the records as a great player and a writer.

CHESS PROBLEM

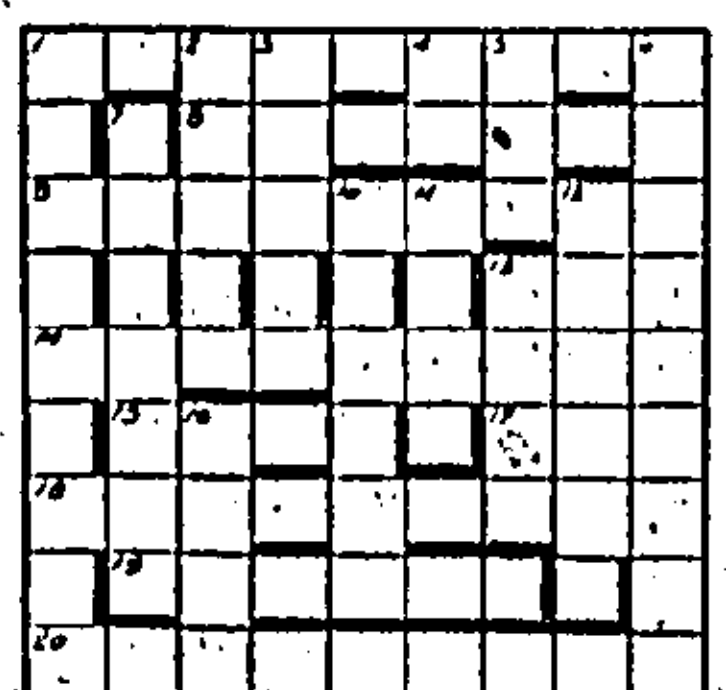
By H. L. F. MEYER
Black, 4 pieces.



White, 5 pieces.
White to play and mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Q-Q2, any; 2. Q, R, or K mates.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Squeals (10)
2. Back we go (7)
3. This actor gains an Oscar (4)
4. Fleeced (3)
5. You're really busy when you're not (10, 4)
6. Contented (10)
7. It provides a prize (10)
8. Graciously (10)
9. Asiatic perhaps but not necessarily a coward (10-3)

Down

1. Nevertheless (10)
2. Certainly not (10)
3. Baby killer (10)
4. Exalt (10)
5. Sounds like a propelling mineral (10)
6. One way to send (10)
7. Certainly not (10)
8. A bird, in relation to slates no doubt (10)
9. Lame, as salty as you like (10)
10. South Sea town (10)
11. As a (10)
12. As a (10)
13. As a (10)
14. As a (10)
15. As a (10)
16. As a (10)
17. As a (10)
18. As a (10)
19. As a (10)
20. As a (10)



Check Your Knowledge

1. What is an obtuse angle?
2. What strait separates Australia from the island of Tasmania?
3. Name two small states entirely enclosed in Italy.
4. Who was Sappho?
5. How many presidents of the United States have received the Nobel Prize?
6. Who performed the christening ceremony of Prince Charles, Prince of Wales?

(Answers on Column 4)

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Some People Like Winter

—The Polar Bear, for Instance, Loved It—

By MAX TRELL

"IT'S a funny thing about winter," Chirpie Sparrow was saying to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names. "Some people like it and some people hate it."

"What people do you mean?" Hanid asked.

Chirpie Sparrow, who had come to the window sill for his bread crumbs, ate for a few moments in silence. Presently he said: "The people over at the zoo. I paid them a visit this morning. There weren't many visitors looking in at the cages. It was much too cold for them."

Much Too Cold

"In fact," Chirpie went on, "it was much too cold for some of the people who live at the zoo. I noticed quite a few of the cages were empty. But, on the other hand, some of the zoo-folks, who seem pretty lazy in the summer time, were bustling about with great excitement. One of the busiest of them was a big friend of mine, who kept marching up and down in his big white fur coat."

"Who was that, Chirpie?" asked Knarf.

"Polar Bear," replied Chirpie. "He told me he loved the cold winter weather, and said he wished it could be this way all year long. That's because he comes from way up North, where the winter lasts six months and the summer time isn't much warmer than our usual winters."

Had Fur Coats

"Then," said Chirpie, "I saw Seal and Walrus. They had fur coats on too—fine, silky black ones. They didn't even notice it was cold. They thought it was a fine day for swimming."

"Swimming!" exclaimed Knarf and Hanid in one voice. It made their teeth chatter just to think of it.

Chirpie ate a few more crumbs. Then he said: "Oh, there were lots of others who liked the winter, up in the zoo. There were Reindeer and Wolf and Fox and Raccoon and Opossum and Buffalo. But they wore fur coats."

"Who were the zoo-folks who didn't like the winter?" Hanid wanted to know.

"Some of the biggest and strongest," said Chirpie. "Lion stayed in his house, as close to the radiator as he could get. So did Tiger and Leopard. So did Alligator, Crocodile, Hippopotamus, Elephant, Giraffe, Camel, Ostrich, Monkey, and I don't know how many others. They all said they hated winter. They said that where they came from there never was any winter—just a bit of wind and rain."

Last of Crumbs

"That's how it goes," Chirpie said as he finished the last of his crumbs. "Some people like it hot, and some people like it cold. But I don't think it matters very much. If you've got a good warm coat, it doesn't matter how cold it is on the outside. The important thing is to be warm on the inside!"

Chirpie was just about to fly away when Knarf said: "You're here all winter, Chirpie. Do you like the winter time? All you have to keep you warm are feathers."

"A good coat of feathers is as warm as a good coat of fur," said Chirpie. "Birds don't wear fur. And he flew off."

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RECORDED MUSIC:

SATISFYING RECORDINGS ALL MADE BY WOMEN

By ROBERT TREDINNICK

THREE of this month's most satisfying recordings are made by women.

Schubert's Impromptu in B Flat and Impromptu in E Flat are played with ease and sureness by Lilli Kraus. (Parlophone R 20501-2.)

Agnus Dei by Bizet is sung in Latin and Ombra Mai Fu, Handel's famous Largo from Xerxes, in Italian by Kirsten Flagstad. She is accompanied by the Philharmonia Orchestra conducted by Warwick Braithwaite with G. Thalben-Ball at the organ. Both sides are beautifully recorded and Mme. Flagstad's rich voice is heard to particular advantage in the Largo. (HMVDB 6791.)

That admirable husband and wife combination, Lily Pons and conductor Andre Kostelanetz, have a new record. With the Columbia Concert Orchestra Lily Pons sings in French, Russian-Korsakov's Hymn to the Sun from Le Coq d'Or, and The Doll Song from Offenbach's Tales of Hoffman. The bell-like quality of her voice seems to have improved with maturity; she has seldom sung better. (Columbia LX 1122.)

It seems incredible that nearly 100 years elapsed before Beethoven's Sonata in E Opus 109 was published, yet it was not available as such until November 1921. It is not an easy piece of music to interpret, and Denis Mathews shows he is a fine pianist and a real musician as well.

The last of the six sides is taken over by part of Purcell's delightful Suite in G Minor. Denis Mathews plays both Beethoven and Purcell with refreshing crispness. (Columbia DX 1509-11.)

Best Opera

In July I wrote of a recording by Redvers Llewellyn; now I commend his clear-cut singing of Even the Bravest Heart from Faust, and Song of the Forester from Carmen as the best operatic record from a male singer of the month. He is accompanied by the Philharmonia Orchestra. (HMVC 3800.)

Two French records deserving a hearing come from Billy Tofel, who sings Montagnes and Clopin-Clopant (Decca C. 10202); any Suzy Delair singing Danse Aves-Mol, coupled with Aves Son Tra-la-la. (Decca C. 10202.)

The Mills Brothers show again how consistently good they are with Lazy River and I, Yi, Yi, Yi. (Brunswick 04155.) Burl Ives, supported by the Andrews Sisters, sings two traditional songs from the Southern States, I'm Goin' Down the Road and Blue Tail Fly. (Brunswick 03071.)

Of the jazz records, I suggest that Sophisticated Swing and Dardanella, played by Les Brown and his Orchestra, is the best of the month has to offer. (Columbia DB 2462.)

Tony Martin

Following his successful season in London, Tony Martin sings four of the songs from his latest film, Casbah, in which Katherine Dunham is also featured. The composers, Messrs. Robin and Arlen, have written an interesting and carefully balanced score, and Tony Martin is well accompanied by Earl Hagen and his Orchestra.

Perhaps Hurray for Love will be the most popular with fans, but each song is different, giving Tony Martin plenty of opportunity to show his versatility. I consider these records to be of Martin's best. (H.M.V. B. 9683-6.)

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. An angle greater than 90 degrees.
2. The Bass Strait.
3. The Vatican City and San Marino.
4. The greatest poetess of Greece, born about 600 B.C.
5. Two, Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 and Woodrow Wilson in 1919.
6. Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury.

YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

BORN today, you are friendly, likeable and loyal to your friends. But you are aggressive as well, for you intend to get what you want out of life. Those who go against you discover that your amiability shrouds an iron determination that will countenance little opposition.

Your life may pass through a number of phases and although you are, by nature, rather conventional in many ways, you show surprising liberality in others. You are not an easy person to understand and sometimes you even confuse yourself. Learn to give yourself as keen a self-analysis as you are capable of giving others and you should be able to make a real success of your life.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Self control rather than impulse is the wisest precaution today. If you remain calm, all will go normally.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Your health is important, so guard it carefully today. Side-step arguments with your associates, too.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Good for romance as well as most business ventures. If travelling, however, still observe caution.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Paramountly a social day. Your friends can give you a lot of pleasure—if they are loyal ones.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Don't let the holiday spirit cause you to overdo things—especially if you are driving to the party tonight.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Control impulses this evening. Avoid overdoing things, or your health will be threatened.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

A BEE-KEEPER who keeps more than 37 bees must keep them in a spare room. If he erects a skep, bee-hutment, or bee-building on his own land without a licence or permit, he is making a mockery of the Higher Mockeries. Even so, a man who kept 26,350 unregistered bees in his scullery was infringing an order issued from Whitehall by a Mrs Crockett of the Board of Coordination. "We keep our bees in our bonnets," said Mrs Crockett facetiously.

Rehearsals

AFTER giving an audition to a young Rustiguzzi in the Municipal Theatre at Bergamo, Zucchini said: "She is the big noise. Such power might one day be used for driving turbines and lighting a whole town." She was now a fine upstanding girl, to be sure, and was ready to make her debut at the Scala in Milan, where Riveducchi was about to produce Francesca da Civitate. Her leading man was Rabbabaro, and Cechlere was to conduct. At the first rehearsal her partner in the famous love duet in Act II complained that he could not stand close to her without having his wig blown away. "The lullaby in Act I," I wrote in the Rochdale Observer, "would put any normal baby to sleep for ever."

A new heresy

WHEN Marshalissimo Mrs Pauker accuses the Albanian elite of "Luxemburgism," is she speaking for the Cominform or only for the Dialectical Committee? On the answer to this question will depend the trend of biological research and musical composition throughout the Balkans. Luxemburgism in science and music is reactionary Fascism.

A pretty toy

THE motor-car which "touches 60 miles per hour within a few seconds of starting" seems to be the answer to the pedestrian's prayer. Nothing does more to solve the problem of death and mutilation on the roads than the untiring efforts of the manufacturers to increase the speed of acceleration. Any motorist will tell you that it is the slowly moving car which is a danger to pedestrians—especially to those who have the effrontery to try to cross a road.

Jump In Australian Wool Prices

New York, Dec. 29.—Wool prices in Australia, upon which the U.S. is dependent for fine wool, have advanced 15 percent to 20 percent due to large purchases by Italy, France, Britain and Russia, an American woolen manufacturer said.

Mr Curt E. Forstmann, president of the Forstmann Woolen Co., made the statement in a report to the American Wool

Council on his return from a trip to Australia.

"It is paradoxical that these countries, which, with the exception of Russia, are maintaining their economies on money borrowed from us, are in a position to inflate world wool prices at the expense of American manufacturers and the American public."

"I do not foresee any softening of wool prices in the future unless wool textiles lose their markets due to our increasingly high costs of production. World demand for the fine wools necessary to meet American requirements has exceeded world production by 50 percent for several years, and the cost seems certain to continue," he said.

Commenting on the large purchases of fine wools by European textile interests, Mr Forstmann said:

"The average American heartily supports the theory that devastated Europe should be rebuilt, but where the funds which are the assets and the earnings of all our people are used to stimulate a worldwide inflation which raises the cost of living in the U.S., the money is not being utilized in the manner originally intended."

"It is becoming more and more apparent," he said, "that many nations seem to feel that the U.S. can and should, put Europe back on its feet. This attitude, unfortunately, is not accompanied by the will to work. It is depressing to observe the attitude which seems to be fairly general outside the U.S. today. It is not entirely the inability to produce goods which is deterring recovery abroad. It is an apathetic lack of enterprise on the part of foreign labour, management and the governments of foreign countries."

"While the U.S. is engaged in an all-out production programme in order to win the peace, the rest of the world seems content to let us carry this burden without themselves contributing wholeheartedly towards world reconstruction," Mr Forstmann said.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning totalled \$52,000.00. Transaction and noon prices were:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
GOVT. LOANS			
3 1/2% (1940)	101 1/2		
BANK			
Bank of China	177 1/2	10 @ 178 1/2	
East Asia	142		
INSURANCES			
Union		725 @ 100 @ 720	
SHIPPING			
Waterboat	37		
DOCKERS, ETC.			
K. Wharf (O)	127		
Dock	28 1/2	29 1/2 @ 29	
S'hai Dock	11 1/2		
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	15 15 1/2 @ 15	1500 @ 15	
HK Land	69 1/2	4 2000 @ 3 1/2	
S'hai Land	3 1/2	1000 @ 3 1/2	
Utilities			
Humphreys (R)	15	1500 @ 15	
Humphreys (R)	3 30		
Utilities			
Peak Tram (O)	20 1/2	200 @ 20	
S'hai Ferry	13 1/2	1000 @ 13 1/2	
C. Light (O)	14 7/8	1000 @ 14 7/8	
C. Light (Rts)	7 20	7 20 1454 @ 7 10	
Electric	38	30 1000 @ 38	
Macao Electric	37	20 1000 @ 37	
Telephone	32 1/2	200 @ 32 1/2	
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	40 1/2	350 @ 40 1/2	
Rope	19 60	200 @ 19	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy (O)	43	102 @ 43	
Dairy (N)	42	200 @ 42	
Watson (X Rts)	61	520 @ 61	
Watson (Rts)	57	1000 @ 57	
Emporium	0 1/2	50 @ 0 1/2	
COTTONS			
Ewo	10 1/2	1000 @ 10 1/2	
		1500 @ 10 1/2	

CORRECTION

In yesterday's quotations, Kowloon Wharves were listed as having changed hands at \$7 and \$7 1/4. The stock referred to was North Point Wharves.

SHAKE-UP IN RUSSIA

London, Dec. 29.—The Tass News Agency of Russia today announced a number of changes in the Russian Government which indicated that the Soviets have shaken up their Bureau responsible for production of consumer goods and textiles, which have been branded as shoddy by the Russian press.

The Agency said that Alexei Kosygin, Vice-President of the Council of Ministers, has been appointed the new Minister of Light Industries, after the Ministry of Textiles had been combined with that of the Light Industries.

The dispatch did not say what happened to previous Ministers of Light Industries and Textiles.—United Press.

N.Y. FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Argentine Peso (Official)	New York, Dec. 29.
US\$0.2077	
Australia	32 1/2
Belgium	36 1/2
Canada	32 1/2
Chile	32 1/2
France	48 1/2
India	1450
Indonesia	48 1/2
New Zealand	30 1/2
Portugal	30 1/2
South Africa	48 1/2
Sweden	48 1/2
Switzerland	25 1/2
Uruguay	3300
Venezuela	30 1/2
Netherlands	37 1/2
Batavia	37 1/2
Singapore	42 1/2
Hongkong	2300
Shanghai	0 1/2

—United Press.

Rubber Market Hesitant

New York, Dec. 29.—Standard rubber futures today closed one to five points lower, with only one sale reported.

No. 1 contract rubber futures closed unchanged to one point higher, with sales totalling eight contracts.

Dealers were still inclined to keep to the sidelines in view of the complexities of the Indonesian situation.

Prices closed as follows:—
Standard Contract Rubber.
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August 18.5

Unifying Germany Hopes

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DEPENDENT ON RUSSIAN COOPERATION

Washington, Dec. 29.—The United States, Britain and France still hope Russia ultimately will give up her stranglehold on Eastern Germany and agree to the unification of all Germany, it is disclosed today.

But they also believe it will take time, perhaps five years.

Diplomatic officials said the three Western powers were not convinced that Germany is to be permanently split along the present Eastern and Western occupation frontiers. Neither is any serious consideration being given to a separate peace treaty with Western Germany.

But in face of present Soviet obstructionist tactics, the authorities said the Western strategy is to go ahead with interim measures outlined in the four-power agreement. They said any future four-power agreement would have to be based on "fair, just and non-satellite principles."

WESTERN STRATEGY

The informants emphasized, however, that under no condition would the three Western powers agree to German unity "for the sake of unity." They said any future four-power agreement would have to be based on "fair, just and non-satellite principles."

This Western strategy was reflected yesterday in the agreement on a plan to rebuild the Ruhr industrial area of Germany "in the interests of peace." Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands joined the three Western powers in agreement.

Officials pointed out that the Ruhr accord meshes with policies being followed by the Western Union, the Marshall plan, the projected North Atlantic security pact and in the establishment of a Western German government.

Officials said the need for taking interim steps in Western Germany and Western Europe became clear following the collapse last December of the Big Four Foreign Ministers meeting in London. In the Western view, the meeting demonstrated Russian intention to hold Eastern Germany as a possible Communist wedge for the control of all Germany.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

The Western powers accepted this Soviet challenge in June when they decided to set up a separate Western German government. The United States, Britain and France look on ever greater commitments in Germany when they decided to combat the Soviet blockade of Berlin with the airlift.

By taking a firm stand against Russia, the Western powers were said to feel that Moscow would be forced to give up dreams of a Communist Germany and a Soviet-dominated Western Europe.

But officials said any change in present Soviet policies on Germany are not expected to come until the present interim measures have proved successful in restoring stability to Western Europe. They believed the job may take one to five more years.—United Press.

RAINS END LONG DROUGHT

Sydney, Dec. 29.—Heavy rains in many parts of New South Wales and Queensland which broke the prolonged severe drought in Australia's sheep and cattle country, will continue, forecasts said today.

In Queensland, where 45 per cent of Australia's cattle are raised, rain-storms have brought relief to parts of the drought-stricken Central West.

Grassland said much more rain was needed.—Reuter.



U.S. Less Vulnerable Militarily Today Than In Sept. 1947

Washington, Dec. 29.—United States Secretary of Defence James Forrestal recommended today tighter authority in America's National Defence Organisation.

He proposed steps to produce more accord among commanders of the three Armed Forces—Army, Navy and Air Force.

Mr Forrestal also requested an Undersecretary of Defence to take over automatically when the Secretary is absent. Mr Forrestal set forth his recommendations in the first annual report by the National Military Establishment to President Truman.

The document was written against the background of the first fifteen months of operation of America's unified defence system.

Mr Forrestal said he was "able to report that the state of the national military establishment is sound," that militarily the U.S. "is less vulnerable today than it was in September 1947" when the unification law became effective. His report cited several reasons for this:

MARGIN OF SUPERIORITY

1. The Army, Navy and Air Force have more men, more equipment and their combat capability is better.

2. So far as can be determined, the United States has "a fair margin of superiority in practically every technical area of weapon development." Among the reasons there is been an "appreciable progress in the development of improved atomic weapons" in the last year.

The report contained no hint on how far into the future military scientists are reaching. Mr Forrestal spoke cryptically of "the earth-satellite-vehicle-programme" as part of the guided missiles research and development effort. There was no other clue.

RECONCILING VIEWPOINTS

Mr Forrestal reported "substantial differences" have been made on reconciling divergent views of strategy held by the joint chiefs of staff. However, he said, "There are still great areas in which the viewpoints of the Services have not come together." Comments on long standing differences between the Air Force and the Navy, Mr Forrestal said.

"My own view is that the concept of the strategic Air Force has established itself as an essential part of modern warfare, although I also believe that the Air Force

A high wave crashes over the seawall and into a row of buildings during a battering high tide along the Redondo Beach, Calif., waterfront. The fronts of three houses were caved-in by the breakers and a dozen other buildings were damaged. Two hundred persons were evacuated from four blocks of buildings and six persons were injured.—AP Picture.

Communists Condemn Ruhr Plan

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Germany's Russian-backed Communists tonight called Allied plans for the control of the Ruhr the "rape of Western Germany" and urged the country of 70,000,000 people to rise in "tremendous protest demonstrations."

The appeal was made by both the Communist Socialist Unity Party and the Communist People's Council through the Russian-licensed news agency ADN.

The People's Council called the situation a "national emergency." In its call for action, signed by Germany's No. 1 Communist Wilhelm Pieck and other Leftists, the People's Council demanded:

1. The immediate establishment of a Central Government for all Germany.

2. Re-establishment of German unity and a constitution for the entire country.

PEACE TREATY

3. A peace treaty.

4. Withdrawal of all occupation forces one year after the signing of the treaty.

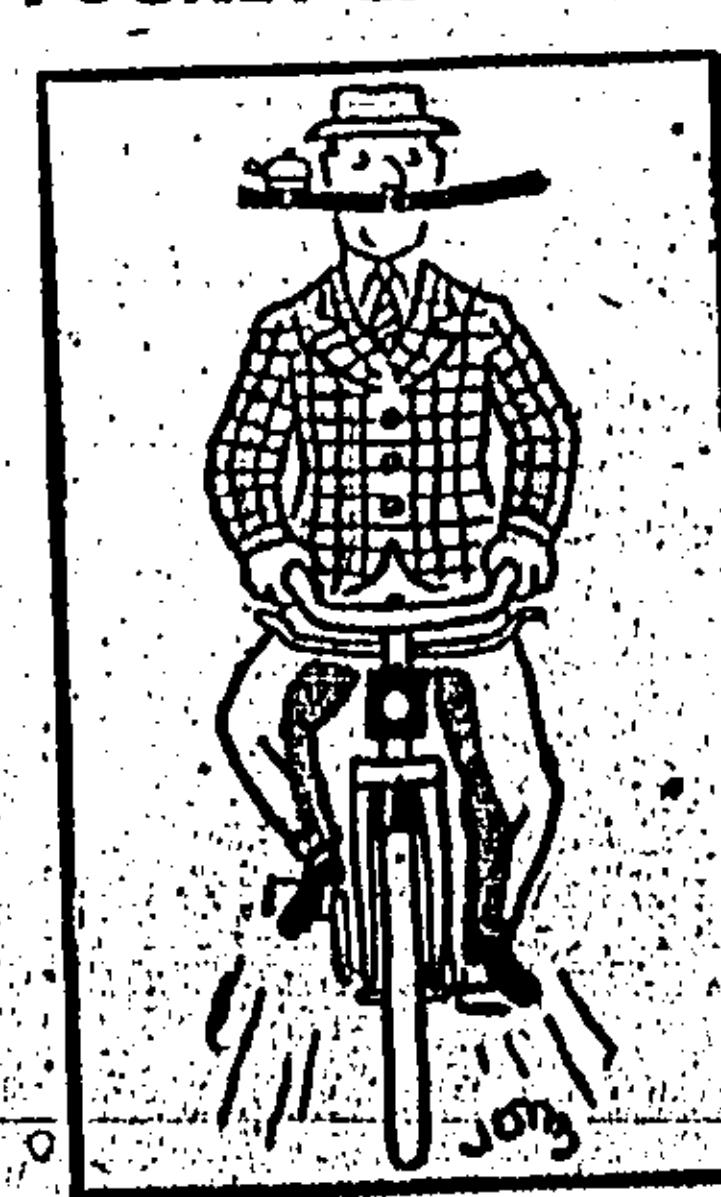
German leaders of all political shades in all four occupation zones were unanimous in condemning the Ruhr plan. Newspapers in both the Western and Soviet zones called the plans the result of an alliance between "Wall Street" and General Charles de Gaulle of France. Because of this unanimous opinion, based on the fact that Germany for the present would have no voice in control of the Ruhr, Allied opinion would get a favourable response among the vast majority of Germans despite its Red backing.—United Press.

148,000,000 AMERICANS

Washington, Dec. 29.—The year 1949 saw new records set in population and employment in the United States.

The Census Bureau reported that the nation's population reached a record of 148,000,000 at the year's end, and that in July the number of Americans employed soared to 63,942,000, the highest figure in history.—United Press.

POCKET CARTOON



Attempt To Blow Up Plane

Paris, Dec. 29.—A French tribunal in Saigon today sentenced to four years imprisonment two men who in 1946 tried to blow up a plane carrying the late General Philippe Leclerc, the liberator of Paris and a former French Commander-in-Chief in Indo-China.

The French press agency, reporting the sentences, said the general had escaped because his plane was delayed.

The attempt had been kept secret till now, it added. General Leclerc, killed in an air crash a year ago, led Free French forces in 1943 on a 1,000-mile trek from Chad to link up with the British Eighth Army in Tripoli.—Reuter.

U.S. Concern Over Reds' War Criminals List

Washington, Dec. 29.—The acting Secretary of State, Mr Robert Lovett, said today that the attempt of the Chinese Communists to label Chinese Nationalist leaders war criminals is a matter of great concern to the United States government.

Mr Lovett also disclosed at a news conference that Madame Chiang Kai-shek visited him at the State Department on Monday and reiterated her plea for increased American aid to her husband's government. He did not disclose his reaction to the Chinese First Lady's plea. But he said that the war criminal charges by the Communists were not under discussion.

Mr Lovett said that the war criminal charges by the Communists were a matter of great concern to everyone. He added that it seemed unthinkable to the United States government that leaders of the recognised government of China should be called war criminals by the Communist Party in China.

Mr Lovett said he did not think that the charges represented the view of the Chinese people or of other governments. He said it was assumed that the appeal to him for aid was a reiteration of the pleas which Madame Chiang made during her visits to President Truman and Mr George Marshall.

The acting Secretary said that the State Department had no information or evidence to support reports from China that a truce in the fighting is being sought. He said that it was only one of a number of rumours. He added that the United States is continuing to make shipments of economic and military aid on schedule to the Nationalist government.—United Press.

Immigrants Flow To Canada

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The flow of immigrants to Canada in the six-month period ended September 30 was 112 per cent greater than in the corresponding period of 1947, the Resources Department announced.

A total of 61,131 immigrants entered Canada during the period compared with 32,028 in the corresponding months of 1947.—Associated Press.

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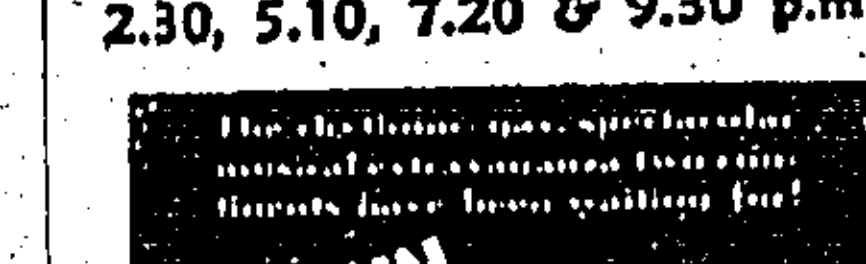


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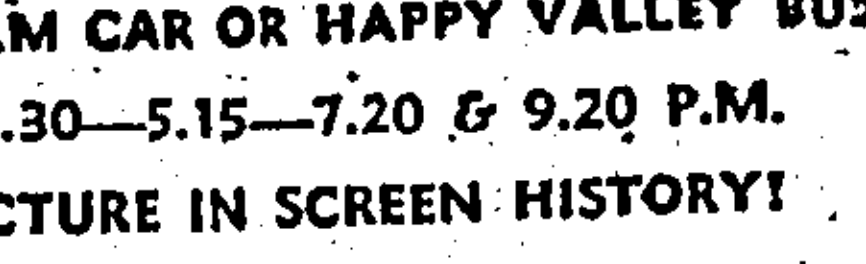
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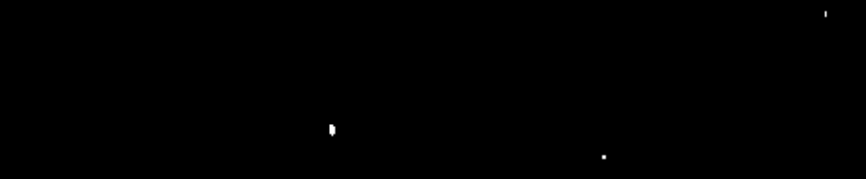
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